THE COUNCIL FOR TOBACCO RESEARCH-U.S.A., INC.

SUPPORTING BIOMEDICAL INVESTIGATION

900 THIRD AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022
(212) 421-8885

HARMON C. MCALLISTER, PH.D.
VICE PRESIDENT – RESEARCH
SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR

September 19, 1994

Gary L. Johnson, Ph.D.
Nat. Jewish Center for Imm. & Resp Med.
1400 Jackson St.
Denver, CO 80206

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter of September 14th requesting partial support for the Gordon Research Conference on Molecular Pharmacology. From your enclosed description, the meeting will be both exciting and important; exactly the type of conference we take pride in supporting. I know you were sincere when you said our contribution "would be greatly appreciated in these dire economic times." Unfortunately, the Board of Directors of the Gordon Conferences has voted not to accept any contributions from the Council for Tobacco Research ". . . or any other organizations which are primarily and directly involved in the sale and production of tobacco."

While CTR of course is not involved in tobacco sales or production, it is no secret that the $20 million we spend annually in support of basic biomedical research is ultimately derived from companies that sell tobacco among other products. Over the many years that CTR has helped to support numerous Gordon Conferences, we have never failed to be impressed with the outstanding quality of these meetings and we have been especially gratified that our own grantees are often organizers or keynote speakers there. I am confident your sessions will be equally successful.

If the Board of Directors relaxes their policy in the future, we would be delighted to consider another request. Also, do keep us in mind if you are organizing a similar conference under other auspices.

Sincerely,

Harmon McAllister

HCM/wwp

Source: https://www.industrydocuments.ucsf.edu/docs/mflv0000